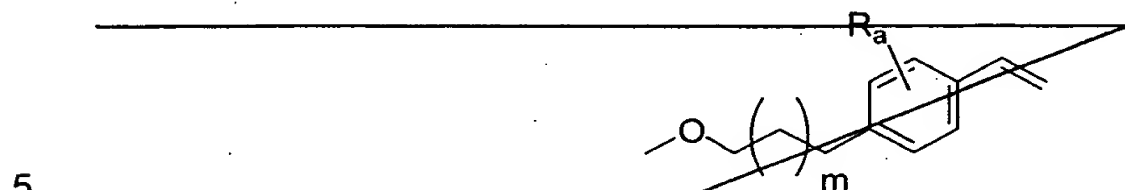


CLAIMS (as published):

1. A macromonomer of polyethylene glycol having repeat units in the range 6-300 and having at least one end terminated by an ether group having the formula:



where m is an integer of 0-10, a is an integer of 1-4, and

R is H or alkyl or aryl or arylalkyl;

~~or having the formula~~



where m is an integer of 1-10, and

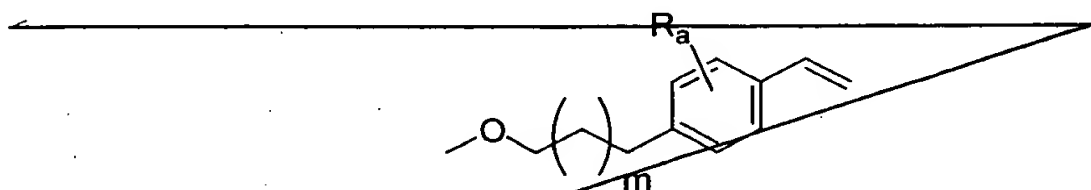
R is H or alkyl or aryl or arylalkyl.

2. A macromonomer having the structure:



where  $\tilde{n}$  is a real number of 6-300,

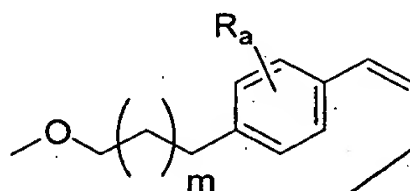
and where X and Y each independently is a group of the formula



where a is an integer of 1-4, m is an integer of 0-10, and R is H or

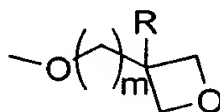
20 ~~alkyl or arylalkyl,~~

~~or where X is -OH, and Y is a group of the formula~~



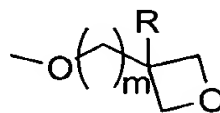
- 5 where a is an integer of 1-4, m is 0-10, a is as defined above, and R is H or alkyl or aryl or arylalkyl,

~~or where X and Y each independently are a group of the formula~~



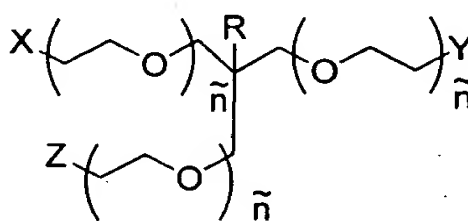
- 10 where m is an integer of 1-10, and R is H or alkyl or aryl or arylalkyl,

or where X is -OH, and Y is a group of the formula



- 15 where m is an integer of 1-10, and R is H or alkyl or aryl or arylalkyl.

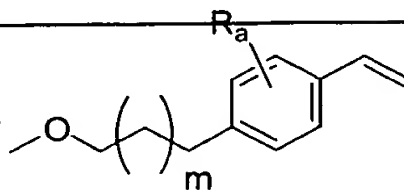
3. A macromonomer having the structure:



- 20 where R is H or alkyl or aryl or arylalkyl,

and  $\bar{n}$  is a real number of 6-300 as defined above

and where X, Y and Z each independently is OH or a group of the formula

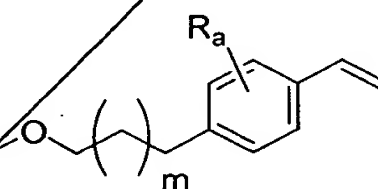


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where a is an integer of 1-4, m is an integer of 0-10, a is as defined

above, and R is H or alkyl or aryl or arylalkyl,

provided that at least one of X, Y or Z is a group of the formula

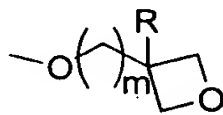


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where a is an integer of 1-4, m is an integer of 0-10, a is as defined

above, and R is H or alkyl or aryl or arylalkyl,

~~or where X, Y and Z each independently is are OH or a group of the formula~~

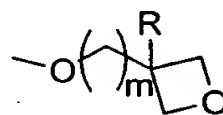


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where m is an integer of 1-10, a is as defined above, and R is H or

alkyl or aryl or arylalkyl;

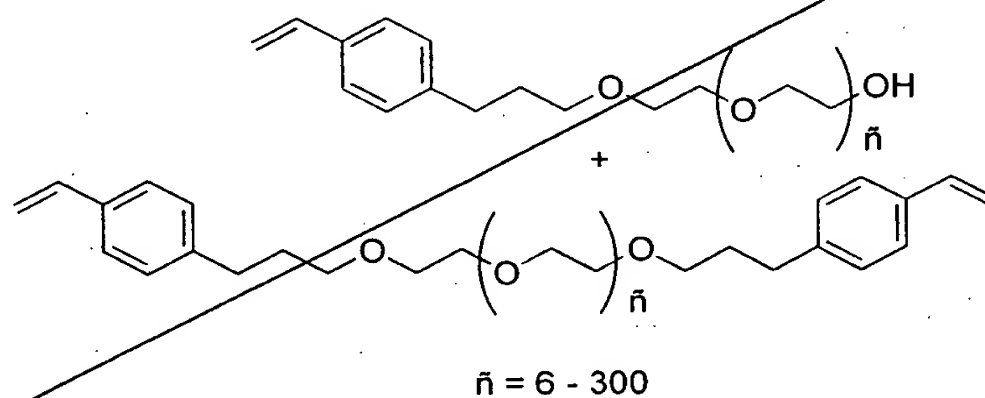
provided that at least one of X, Y or Z is a group of the formula



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where  $m$  is an integer of 1-10,  $a$  is as defined above, and  $R$  is H or alkyl or aryl or arylalkyl.

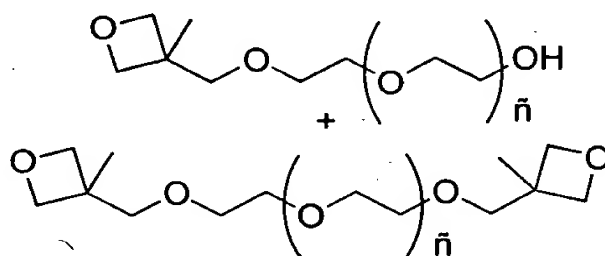
~~4. A macromonomer according to claim 2 which is terminated by a vinylphenylpropyl group and has the formula:~~



~~where  $R_a$  and  $m$  are as defined in claim 1.~~

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4. ~~6.~~ A macromonomer according to claim 2 which is terminated by an 3-methyloxetan-3-ylmethyl ether group and has the formula:



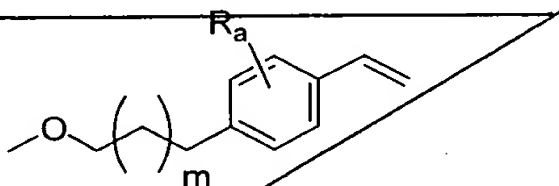
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where  $\bar{n} = 6-300$

where  $R$  and  $m$  are as defined in claim 1.

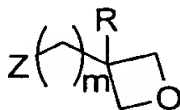
5. ~~6.~~ A macromonomer according to claim ~~5~~<sup>4</sup>, which has been acetylated or in other ways temporarily hydroxyl-protected on free hydroxyl groups.

6. ~~7.~~ A process for the preparation of the macromonomers of claims 1 or 2 comprising  
 5 reacting an alkali metal derivative of a polyethylene glycol having 6-300 repeating units with a halo substituted compound having the formula:



10 where Z is Cl, Br, I, toluenesulfonyloxy or  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$   
 and where a is an integer of 1-4, m is 0-10 and R is H or alkyl or aryl or arylalkyl  
 arylalkyl

~~or having the formula~~

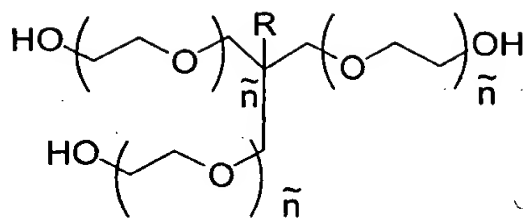


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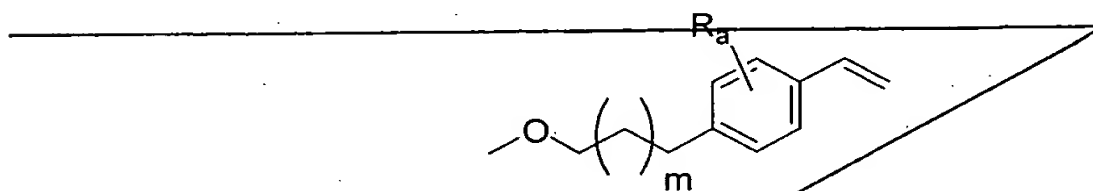
7. ~~8.~~ A process for the preparation of the macromonomer of claim 3 comprising reacting  
 20 an alkali metal derivative of a polyethylene glycol having the formula: -



where R is H or alkyl or aryl or arylalkyl and  $\tilde{n}$  is 6-300

with a halo substituted compound having the formula:

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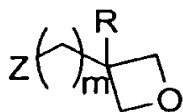
where Z is Cl, Br, I, toluenesulfonyloxy or  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$

and where a is an integer of 1-4, m is 0-10, and R is H or alkyl or aryl or

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arylalkyl

~~or having the formula~~



where Z is Cl, Br, I, toluenesulfonyloxy or  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$

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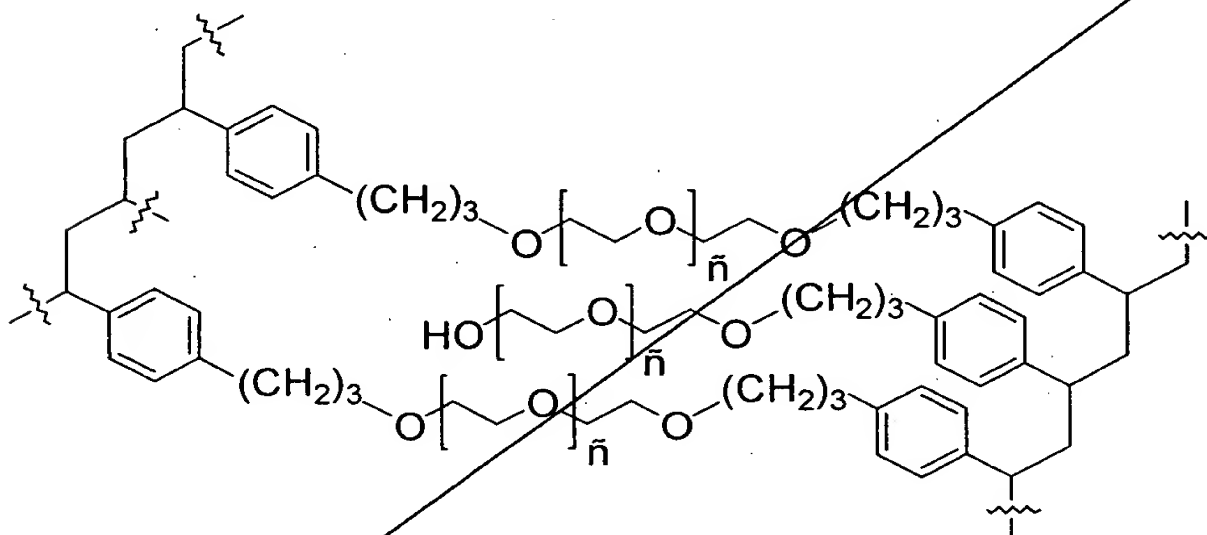
and where m is 1-10 and R is H or alkyl or aryl or arylalkyl

8. ~~9.~~ A process according to claims ~~6.~~ <sup>6.</sup> or ~~7.~~ <sup>7.</sup> wherein the alkali metal derivative is a sodium derivative.

20 ~~10.~~ <sup>9.</sup> A process according to claims ~~6.~~ <sup>6.</sup> or ~~7.~~ <sup>7.</sup> wherein the alkali metal derivative is a potassium derivative.

10. ~~11.~~ A cross linked polymer formed by the polymerisation of a macromonomer according to claim 2.

5 ~~12. A cross-linker polymer according to claim 11 wherein the macromonomer has the~~  
 structure as claimed in claim 4, the polymerisation being initiated by a free radical  
 catalyst and the polymer structure is represented as follows:



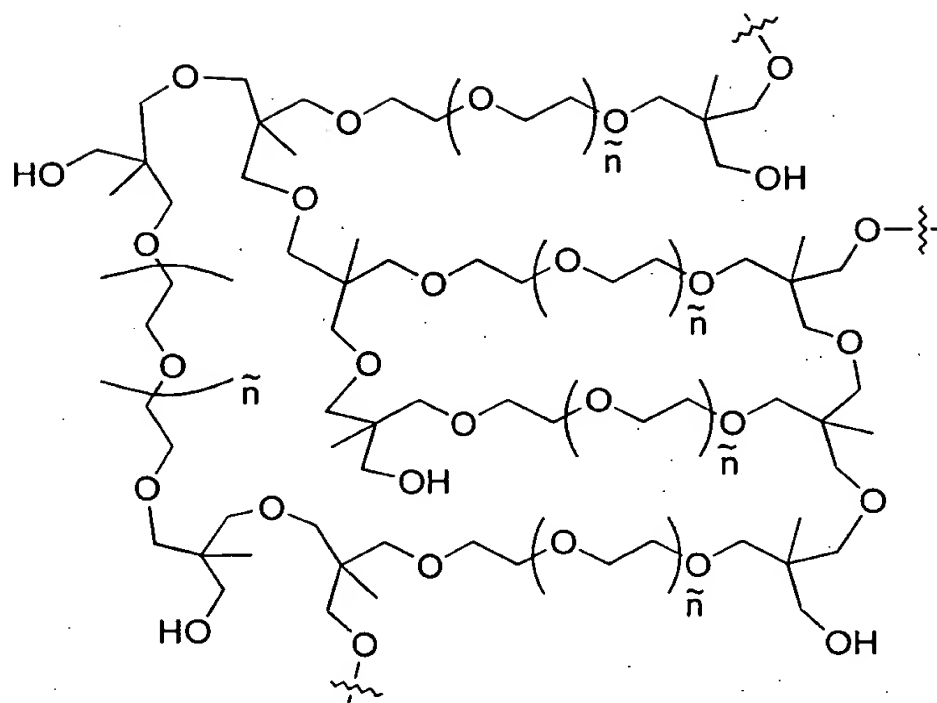
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where  $\tilde{n} = 6-300$

~~where  $R_a$  and  $m$  are as defined in claim 1.~~

11. ~~13.~~ A cross linked polymer according to claim <sup>10.</sup> ~~11~~ wherein the macromonomer has  
15 the structure claimed in claim <sup>4</sup> ~~5~~, the polymerisation is initiated by a cationic catalyst  
and the structure of the polymer may be represented by the structure:

15



where  $\bar{n} = 6-300$

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where R is as defined in claim 1.

12.

~~14.~~ A crosslinked polymer according to claim ~~11~~<sup>10</sup> wherein the macromer used for its preparation has the structure of claim ~~8~~<sup>5</sup> and the per-O-acetylated or in other ways temporarily hydroxyl-protected polymer structure analog to the hydroxylated structure of claim ~~13~~<sup>11</sup> is obtained.

10 temporarily hydroxyl-protected polymer structure analog to the hydroxylated structure of claim ~~13~~<sup>11</sup> is obtained.

13.

~~15.~~ A cross linked polymer formed by the bulk polymerisation of a macromonomer of claim 3.

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~~16. A beaded crosslinked polymer according to claim 12 made by reverse suspension or spray polymerization~~



14.  
~~17~~. A beaded resin according to claim ~~13~~<sup>11</sup> or ~~14~~<sup>12</sup> formed by polymerization of droplets in silicon oil.

15.  
~~18~~. A beaded resin according to claim ~~13~~<sup>11</sup> or ~~14~~<sup>12</sup> formed by spray polymerization in a hot inert gas.

16.  
~~19~~. The use of polymers prepared according to claim ~~11~~<sup>10</sup> as supports for organic synthesis.

17.  
~~20~~. The use of polymers prepared according to claim ~~11~~<sup>10</sup> as supports for solid phase enzyme reactions.

18.  
~~21~~. The use of polymers prepared according to claim ~~11~~<sup>10</sup> as supports for synthesis of peptides, DNA, RNA and oligosaccharides.

19.  
~~22~~. The use of polymers prepared according to claim ~~11~~<sup>10</sup> as supports for peptide-, protein-, DNA- or RNA-ligation.

20.  
~~23~~. The use of polymers prepared according to claim ~~11~~<sup>10</sup> for chromatographic separations.

21.  
~~24~~. The use of polymers prepared according to claim ~~11~~<sup>10</sup> for affinity purification.

22.  
~~25~~. The use of polymers prepared according to claim ~~11~~<sup>10</sup> for protein immobilisation

23.

~~26~~. The use of polymers according to claim <sup>17</sup>~~20~~ in which the enzyme interact with a substrate or an inhibitor linked to the support.

24.

~~27~~. The use of polymers according to claim <sup>10</sup>~~11~~ in which the use involves release of a  
5 drug bound to the solid support.

25.

~~28~~. Release of a drug according to claim <sup>24</sup>~~27~~ where the release is mediated by an enzyme.

26.

10 ~~29~~. The use of polymers according to claim <sup>10</sup>~~11~~ for solid phase magic angle spinning NMR-spectroscopy.

27.

~~30~~. The use of polymers according to claim <sup>10</sup>~~11~~ for combinatorial chemistry.

28.

15 ~~31~~. A beaded polymer according to claim <sup>10</sup>~~11~~ formed by suspension polymerization in silicon oil.

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~~32~~. A beaded polymer according to claim <sup>28</sup>~~31~~ where the beads are stabilized by a surfactant

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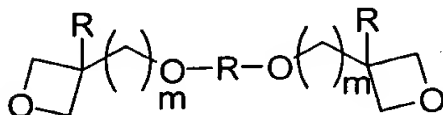
~~33~~. A beaded polymer according to <sup>29</sup>~~32~~ where the surfactant is obtained by radical polymerization of a mixture of acryloylated PEG-OMe and acryloyl propyl pentamethyl disiloxane.

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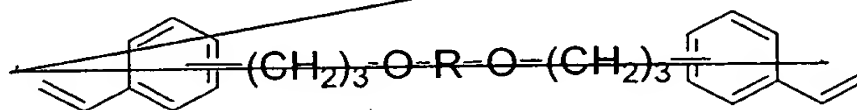
34. A polymer according to claim <sup>10</sup>~~11~~ with addition of a short temporary crosslinker which may at a later point in time be selectively cleaved to result in expansion of the resin.

32.

5 35. A polymer according to claim <sup>31</sup>~~34~~ where the short crosslinker has the structure



or



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<sup>w</sup>~~Where~~ R is a alkyliden, aryliden, silane, siloxane thioether or ether bridge chemically susceptible to selective cleavage conditions.

33.

36. A macromonomer according to claim <sup>5</sup>~~1-6~~ prepared according to claim <sup>6</sup>~~7~~ or <sup>7</sup>~~8~~ but with the inversion of electrophile and nucleophile so that the tosylate or triflate or halide of PEG is prepared and reacted with the metal alkoxide of 3-methyl-oxetan-3-yl methanol or vinylphenylpropanol.

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